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DEPARTMENT PASS TO AMEMBASSIES BONN, PARIS AND LONDON FOR
AMBASSADOR

SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ALSO PASS TO SECDEF, AMEMBASSY MOSCOW AND
USMISSION NATO

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SUBJECT: CSCE: PARAMETERS FOR MANEUVER CBM

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1. NEUTRALS DID NOT REPEAT NOT INTRODUCE COMPROMISE FIGURES
AT JUNE 11 CBM MEETING, OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE SWISS DELEGATION
HELD OUT AGAINST GIVING THIS MUCH TO SOVIETS AT THIS STAGE
OF CONFERENCE. (SWISS HAVE REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED, CONTRARY
TO GENERAL IMPRESSION, THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY OUTSTANDING
ISSUES FOR SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN JULY.)

2. ALLIED REPORTS INDICATE NEUTRALS HAVE LEARNED OF NEW
"WASHINGTON" PARAMETERS OF 250 KMS, 30,000 TROOPS, AND 18
DAYS AND WE SUSPECT THAT REAL REASON FOR NEUTRAL DELAY IS
COMBINATION OF SOVIET PRESSURE AND NEUTRAL FEARS THAT
ALLIES WILL NOW UNDERCUT THEM BY AGREEING TO SOFTER
TERMS WITH SOVIETS.

3. SOVIET DEL IS AWARE THAT "WASHINTON" PARAMETERS
WILL NOT LEAD TO CSCE CONSENSUS, AND SOVIETS ARE PROBABLY
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PREPARED TO INCREASE AREA TO 300 KMS, AND TIMING TO 21

DAYS. THEY HAVE SHOWN NO FLEXIBILITY TO DATE ON 30,000
TROOP THRESHOLD, AND ARE PROBABLY STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER
THEY CAN BRING OTHERS TO THIS FIGURE. AT DELEGA-
TION LEVEL, UK AND MOST OTHER ALLIES ARE NOT YET AUTHOR-
IZED EVEN TO GO TO 25,000, AND ANY CHANGE WOULD ONLY BE
ON INSTRUCTIONS. IN JUNE 11 CONVERSATION, SOVIET AMBASSA-
DOR MENDELEVICH ASKED US TO EXPEDITE INSTRUCTED REACTIONS
FROM UK, FRG AND FRANCE TO "WASHINGTON" PARAMETERS. WE TOLD
MENDELEVICH THAT WE ASSUMED THAT SUBSTANCE OF THESE REPLIES
WOULD BE CONVEYED TO SOVIETS PROMPTLY, EITHER IN WASHINGTON
OR IN GENEVA. DALE

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